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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EWWT,

SUBJECT: EC/SWISS SCHEME FOR LAYING UP INLAND WATERWAY  
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BARGES

REF: A) EC BRUSSELS 562; B) 76 STATE 221637;  
C) 74 STATE 64138

1. IN VIEW OF STATEMENT IN PARA 3 REF A THAT EC POSITION  
ON BARGE TAXES REMAINS UNCHANGED, DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT

FURTHER REITERATION OF ARGUMENTS IN REFS B AND C WOULD BE OF LITTLE USE, PARTICULARLY SINCE U.S. OPERATORS HAVE NOT PROVIDED DEPARTMENT OR MARITIME ADMINISTRATION WITH SUPPORTING DATA.

2. BELIEVE MOST PRODUCTIVE COURSE IN MISSION'S FORTHCOMING DISCUSSIONS WITH EC EXTERNAL RELATIONS OFFICIALS WOULD BE TO CONCENTRATE ON ARTICLE 7(2) OF PROPOSED STATUTE, WHICH EMPOWERS SUPERVISORY BOARD TO MODIFY TONNAGE LIMITS SO AS TO EXEMPT SHIP-BORNE BARGES. MISSION SHOULD STRESS THAT USG HOPES SUPERVISORY BOARD CAN GIVE ON THIS MATTER PROMPT CONSIDERATION, ONCE AGREEMENT HAS COME INTO FORCE. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF EC COULD ADVISE MISSION REGARDING TYPES OF INFORMATION WHICH USG AND/OR OPERATORS COULD PROVIDE TO ASSIST AND EXPEDITE DELIBERATIONS OF SUPERVISORY BOARD.

3. FYI. AMERICAN CARRIERS PRINCIPALLY CONCERNED WITH THIS MATTER ARE LYKES AND CENTRAL GULF. LYKES HAS INDICATED THAT IT REGARDS THE FINANCIAL BURDEN OF THE ANTICIPATED BARGE TAXES AS QUOTE MINIMAL UNQUOTE, BUT CENTRAL GULF CONTINUES TO BE SERIOUSLY CONCERNED. CENTRAL GULF'S EUROPEAN REPRESENTATIVE, CAPT. VALKENIER, LOCATED IN ROTTERDAM, MAY VISIT MISSION TO DISCUSS BARGE TAXES. IF HE DOES, SUGGEST MISSION STRESS TO HIM IMPORTANCE OF U.S. OPQTORS PROVIDING DATA TO BACK UP USG CONTENTIONS (REF B) THAT: A) SHIP-BORNE BARGES ARE NOT USED FOR INTRA-REGIONAL TRADE; AND B) IN ABSENCE OF SHIP-BORNE BARGES, U.S. FOREIGN COMMERCE MOVEMENTS BETWEEN EUROPEAN SEAPORTS AND INLAND POINTS WOULD MOVE LARGELY BY RAIL  
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AND ROAD. YOU SHOULD ALSO STRESS TO HIM THAT IN THE ABSENCE OF SUCH SUPPORTING DATE, USG AND INDUSTRY ARGUMENTS WILL NOT CONVINCE EUROPEANS. (DEPARTMENT AND MARAD HAVE STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF PROVIDING SUCH DATA IN THEIR CONTACTS WITH U.S. OPERATORS.) END FYI.  
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